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OUTLINES.

Cardinal Gioachino Pecci has been elected Pope; he is an Italian and will be known as Leo XIII. — Prince Bismarck stated in the German Parliament that it was Russia's interest to come to an understanding with Austria and England; he said Germany would not engage in war about the Eastern question; he was for peace all round; he was loudly cheered. — Russia is reported as talking of occupying Galli-poli unless England gives guarantees against the advance of the fleet. — Four additional English iron-clads gone eastward. — Server Pasha has ceased to be Minister of Foreign Affairs. — A big fire at Waco, Texas; $50,000 worth of property was consumed. — Suspensions, failures and forgeries reported. — New York markets: Money easy at 5 per cent.; gold quiet at 101½@101½; cotton steady at 10½@11c; flour dull, without decided change in prices; wheat dull, with a trifle better tone; corn ½c better; spirits turpentine steady at 33c; rosin firm at $1 57½@$1 60.

The agony is over in Rome and a new Pope has been elected. The choice has fallen upon Cardinal Gioachino Pecci, Pontifical Camerlingo. He is an Italian, and will assume the title of Pope Leo XIII. We believe he is a moderate or conservative, although of that we have not any positive knowledge.

Latest By Mail

Gossip and News from Washington.
[Washington Post, Feb. 19.]

INGALLS' INDIAN BILL.

Mr. Ingalls' bill to civilize and citizenize the Indians was taken up, and Senator Whyte made a very strong and very able speech against it. He thought the scheme entirely impracticable, as it proposes to relieve the Indians only to a certain extent from their tribal allegiance, and make them only partially citizens of the United States.

SECTIONAL FEELING CROPPING OUT.

There are men in the United States Senate who cannot look with any degree of favor or consideration upon a measure calculated to aid or relieve the South. They are willing to ask and receive aid in behalf of their own pet measures from the South, but refuse to return the obligation when opportunity is offered. Yesterday Senator Jones' bill to place the Government lands in Florida on the same footing as other public lands came up, and Messrs. Howe, Edmunds, McMillan, Ingalls and several others raised numerous technical objections to its passage.

THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVATORIES.

The Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution of the Senate respecting the uses of the Government Observatory, has transmitted in reply thereto a report from Admiral Rodgers, which sets forth that the work of observatories is so compatible with navigation that no cargo can be exported or brought home except through the agency of astronomical results; that astronomy lessens insurance so that no vessel can sail without its reputed help, and that commerce could have no being except from the aids derived from astronomy, and finally that Government observatories have an absolute money value to the world.

[Washington Post.]

SCRAPS FROM THE SENATE.

Senator Eustis, yesterday, introduced a bill to appropriate $50,000 to put the New Orleans Mint into operation again. It will be needed, he thinks, to coin silver dollars.

Ben Butler's savage speech against Hayes before the Senate Post Office Committee, seems to have aided the very man he was fighting. The committee, yesterday, agreed to report in favor of the confirmation of Sargent for Postmaster at Methuen, Mass., and gave Ben's man, Coggswell, the go-by.

Important Announcement.
[Washington Post, 19th.]

We are enabled to state positively, upon authority which is absolutely indubitable, first, that if the limitation clause is stricken out of the coinage section of the silver bill by the House, it will be vetoed by Mr. Hayes; and, second, that when so vetoed, the veto will be sustained by the Senate. We could give the names of five Senators who, having voted for the bill as it now stands, would certainly vote to sustain a veto if the coinage limit were removed. We are advised that some leaders of the extreme greenback school desire a veto and the consequent defeat of the bill in order to avail themselves of what they imagine would be the popular demand for extreme inflation as a retaliatory measure, but we are confident that counsels of moderation will prevail. The bill should be sent to Mr. Hayes as is is.

New York's Depravity.
[From the Boston Post.]

In Boucicault's "The Dead Secret," which has just made a decided failure at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in New York, the three leading characters deliberately commit bigamy, and the heroine administers a cup of cold poison to her liege lord, in order to consummate an elopement with a younger lover. The New Yorkers, apparently, found that sort of thing too tame, so Mr. Fred Schwabe, of the Times, has brought out an adaptation of "Sidonie,"

Spirits Turpentine.

— Eggs fetch 10 cents per dozen at Lumberton.

— No Free Lance or Hillsboro Recorder in ten days or more.

— The grade on the narrow gauge road from Lincolnton is completed eight miles.

— Hendersonville has two clubs which rejoice in being called Athenæum and Shakespeare.

— Messrs. E. M. Holt & Sons donated $34 worth of their manufactured goods to the Oxford orphans.

— Mr. John T. Herron, a native North Carolinian and an old typo, died at Conway, Ark., on January 14, aged 55.

— The Torchlight is banging away for a railroad. The Raleigh and Gaston will furnish the rolling stock. Let the road be built.

— An irate citizen of Lincolnton caught and thrashed one of the boys who poked a valentine under his door. Send him another.

— More high priced Granville tobacco: I. Green $60, A. H. Bragg $51.50, $73, W. G. Mangum $66; W. A. Harris $55; T. H. Jones $50, $63.50; H. S. Gooch $37.50, $46; E. A. Roberts $37.50, $46.

— Spartanburg (S. C.) Herald: The finest apples of the season have just reached Spartanburg, from Yancey county, N. C., 90 miles distant. The fruit was put up in genuine market style, and was sold by William Shephard to J. H. Allen, Esq.

— Concord Register: Big Allick Alexander, of this county, has received four hundred dollars from negroes for the Liberia scheme. Allick can be seen almost any day going about in fine clothes, and taking in the Liberia niggers. He is a sharp negro if he is as black as ebony.

— Almanac Gleaner: In this county we have four tobacco factories—two smoking and two plug. Three of these are located at Company Shops, and one at Mebanesville. — The Judge's charge (McKoy) was clear and forcible. He is very pleasant, either on or off the bench, and is deservedly popular wherever he goes.

— Lincoln Progress: Mr. E. W. Stubbs has leased from Mr. Wm. Garrison a gold mine, about three miles from town, and placed it under the supervision of Capt. A. S. Haynes, who has had large experience in the gold mines of Colorado. He is now working a bound deposit, which has turned out nuggets weighing from eight to twelve pennyweights.

— There is a chair manufactory in Lincoln county that turns out eighteen hundred annually. Its capacity is for 7,000, but there is no demand for so many. The Progress says: The timber used at this factory is all native, and comprises walnut, maple, beech, white oak and poplar. The rattan employed for seating is purchased from Northern firms, who import it from China.

— The amount of postage paid is the only true way of ascertaining with any certainty about a newspaper's circulation. — Southern Home. Not so. The Morning Star has a circulation of nearly 6,000 copies per week in Wilmington alone, upon which not one cent postage is paid. The Star is entirely willing to test the matter of the largest circulation, but it must be a true test.

— Raleigh News: At a meeting of the members of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, to settle a permanent pastor, Rev. Dr. Vaughan stated his intention of retiring from active ministerial life and duties. His physical disability we regret to learn that a telegram was received last night announcing the death of Mrs. Mary Jackson, only sister of the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, of this city.

— Bakersville Republican: On last Friday morning, Mr. Gouge, who has charge of Gen. Wilder's hotel on the Roan, during the summer months, was awakened by some one scratching at the door, and on opening it he was met by a large black bear who was evidently seeking more comfortable quarters than the snow-covered balsams of the forest. Mr. Gouge being prepared for all emergencies, gave Major Bruin a warm reception in the shape of the contents of Gen. Wilder's double barrelled gun, and Bruin passed in his checks.

— Raleigh Observer: Major Archibald McLean died at the residence of his brother-in-law, J. C. Poe, near Fayetteville, on Sunday last, in the 67th year of his age. — J. M Tant, for seventy years city weigher, died very suddenly from apoplexy at his residence, on Sunday morning. Chapel Hill Baptists are having a most interesting revival. Large additions have already been made to the church. — Prof. W. C. Kerr left yesterday for Chapel Hill, where he will to-night begin a series of Geological lectures before the students of the University.

— Hickory Press: The madness among the dogs in McDowell county is becoming a serious matter, quite a number of persons having been bitten by them in different parts of the county, though none have been attacked with hydrophobia as yet. A quantity of stock and cogs have been bitten in the vicinity of Marion, but none have gone mad or died. The alarm has become so great that the commissioners of the town have ordered the Marshal to kill any dog that may be seen at large within the corporate limits of the town for the next twenty days.

— Oxford Torchlight: "The collar on our daddies!" Don't know anything about it! Never had a dollar of our daddy all at once in the world. The old man doled out a sixpence circus days, and told us to bring back the change. If we could have had a dollar of our daddy all at one time we might have started a saving bank, "got away with the funds, and been in Europe long before this. — We understand that soap is now being manufactured from the deposit of the celebrated Kittrell's Springs, in this county, which is said to be efficacious in healing eruptions of the skin.

— Asheville Citizen: Our townsman, Samuel C. Shelton, Esq., has received a request from the United States' authorities to prepare some smoking and chewing tobacco for the Paris Exposition, all with all stringency proceed to do. Col. Shelton, it will be remembered, received the first premium at the Vienna Exposition on chewing and smoking tobacco, or weed grown in Madison county, and our government is anxious to show to the eyes of Europe his weed. We have lots of that kind of weed growing in these parts.

— Robesonian: We learn that the festival at the residence of Angus Gilchrist,

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HEINSBERGER—New books.
GORE & GORE—Bacon, flour, &c.
HALL & PEARSALL—Dry salt meats.
ANNUAL Parade Howard Engine Co.
HARRISON & ALLEN—Spring fashions.

Local Dots.

— The Magistrates have had no criminal cases for their investigation since Court adjourned.

— We learn that Officer Frost, who accidentally shot himself on Saturday last, is still improving.

— Cautionary signals are ordered for this port, Smithville, and other stations on the Atlantic coast to-day.

— At last the brick enclosure around the Court House lot is being repaired and no mistake about it.

— We note the arrival at this port during the past two or three days of 16,150 bushels of corn from the North counties.

— The complimentary Hop which was to have taken place at Meginney's Hall to-night, has been postponed until to-morrow (Friday) evening.

— Mayor Fishblate has directed that the City Hall be closed to-morrow, Washington's birthday, and the city officials will therefore have a holiday.

— Rapidly falling barometer, easterly to southerly winds, rising temperature, rainy and stormy weather, are the indications for this section to-day.

— The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of New Hanover will be held at their banking-house in this city this morning at 11 o'clock.

— The gross receipts of the recent Concert for the benefit of St. Paul's Episcopal Church footed up $313.15, and the net receipts $280.15. A very flattering result.

— We are glad to learn that the committee appointed in behalf of the New Hanover Bible Society, to collect funds sufficient to supply the Depository with Bibles, are meeting with very encouraging success.

Accident to a Lady.

Mrs. Register, an aged lady, was accidentally run over by a buggy at the intersection of Market and Second streets, yesterday afternoon. Both wheels passed over her, but fortunately inflicted no serious injury. She was assisted to her feet by persons in the vicinity and conveyed to a place where she could sit down, when, after a few minutes rest, she recovered from the shock sufficiently to be able to proceed on her way. The occupants of the buggy, who, we understand, manifested much regret at the unfortunate accident, proffered the vehicle to convey her to her residence, but she declined the offered assistance on the ground that she was able to walk.

Mayor's Court.

The following cases were disposed of Tuesday:

State vs. Joseph Pickett, from New Hanover; argued for the State by the Attorney General, and for the defendant by A. T. & J. London.

State vs. Hector Davis, from New Hanover; argued for the plaintiff by the Attorney General, and for the defendant by D. L. Russell.

Harper Williams vs. S. R. Wallace et als., from Duplin; argued for the plaintiff by Merrimon, Fuller & Ashe and J. N. Stallings, and for the defendant by H. B. Kornegay.

Anniversary Celebration.

The Howard Relief Fire Engine Company No. 1 will celebrate their anniversary to-day by a parade in the forenoon and a grand ball at the City Hall this evening.

The Company will meet at their Engine House on Fourth street, at 10 o'clock this morning, where they will form in line, headed by Cornet Concert Club, and march down Fourth to Princess, down Princess to Front, down Front to Ann, up Ann to Fourth, and up Fourth street to the Engine House.

Thermometer Record.

The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at 4.35 yesterday evening, Washington mean time, as ascertained from the daily bulletin issued from the Signal Office in this city:

Augusta......	55
Charleston...	56
Corsicana....	62
Indianola....	67
Jacksonville.	74
Key West....	75

Injured by a Circular Saw.

A colored boy by the name of W. H. Blackman, while trifling with a circular saw at Messrs. Hart & Bailey's foundry, yesterday afternoon, had one of the fingers severed from his left hand and several on the body cut. He was bandaged up and the hand dressed.

OPERA HOUSE.

Mr. Sothern as the Crushed Tragedian.

One of the most intelligent and sympathetic audiences we have seen in Wilmington this winter was at the Opera House last night to see the really eminent comedian, Mr. Sothern, in his very marked and original personation, De Lacy Fitzaltamont, "the Tragedian of Snaggleton Circuit." It was incomparably finer every way than we anticipated. We thought it impossible for him to ever create a character of such distinct and striking individuality as Fitzaltamont after his remarkable personation of Lord Dundreary. It is strongly delineated throughout—a fresh, striking delineation, so utterly unlike his other great character as to be a complete transformation. It is a splendid success beyond all question or cavil.

We cannot speak in enthusiastic terms of the play. It is better than "Our American Cousin," at any rate; has more body and mere harmony of construction, and is decidedly more entertaining. The central figure, De Lacy Fitzaltamont, in the hands of an ordinary actor would be really nothing, but in Mr. Sothern's hands it becomes an actual character, clear cut and distinct. It was unquestionably a creation. It had the bones or skeleton, that Ernest Glendenning spoke of, but Mr. Sothern gave it the afflatus and made it a living organism, full of power and energy and originality, and not without some fine humorous points. In Fitzaltamont Mr. Sothern established his claim by this new personation to versatility as well as creative genius, and proved himself a comedian of very rare and exquisite gifts. De Lacy Fitzaltamont is a great genius, but unfortunately lives in a cold, harsh, unsympathetic world, and is consequently slighted and unappreciated. He is disappointed in his first love and in his highest aspirations, hopes, and ambitions. He is the sport of misfortune, the sport of chance, the shuttle-cock of destiny. But there is a silver lining to every cloud, and at last he triumphs over an untoward fate, and the star of his destiny emerges from the clouds and darkness and shines with a serene and satisfied lustre. Mr. Sothern in this delineation shows clearly how the true artist can blend the lights and shades of acting—how broad burlesque or delicious humor can be made to unite with the finest points and most studied art, until a unique and original portraiture stands out in bold relief before your vision. Broken, despairing, slighted, in Fitzaltamont there is still genuine manhood—the material out of which to pluck success even from an adverse fate. We may mention that George W. Jones (Count Johannes, as he is called,) an eccentric actor in New York, is understood to be the original of Fitzaltamont, or as much so as any one can be said to be the original of a real creation of Mr. Sothern's.

THE MAILS.

The mails close and arrive at the City Post Office as follows:

CLOSE.

Northern through mails......	6:00 P. M.
Northern through and way	
mails......	8:00 A. M.
Mails for the N. C. Railroad, and routes supplied therefrom, including A. & N. C.	
Railroad, &c......	8:00 P. M.
Southern mails for all points	
South, daily......	6:00 A. M.
Mails for Cheraw & Darlington	
Railroad......	10:00 A. M.
Mails for points between Florence and Charleston......	10:00 A. M.
Fayetteville, and offices on Cape	
Fear River, Tuesdays and	
Fridays......	1:00 P. M.
Fayetteville, via Warsaw, daily	
(except Sundays)......	6:00 A. M.
Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices every Friday......	6:00 A. M.
Smithville mails, by steamboat, daily (except Sunday)	8:00 A. M.
Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek, every Friday at......	3:00 P. M.

ARRIVE.

Northern through mails......	11:00 A. M.
Northern through and way	
mails......	7:30 P. M.
Southern mails......	9:30 A. M.
Carolina Central Railroad......	10:00 P. M.

Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 5½ P. M. Money order and Register Department open same as stamp office.

Stamps for sale at general delivery when stamp office is closed.

Mails delivered from 8:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M.

Key Boxes accessible at all hours, day and night.

Excellent Interest Rules.

By one of our business friends on the wharf, with the assurance that it will be found correct in every particular, and hence very useful to merchants and others in computing interest.

For finding the interest on any principal for any number of days. The answer in each case being in cents, separate the two right hand figures of answer to express it in dollars and cents.

Four per cent.—Multiply the principal by the number of days to run; separate the right hand figure from the product and then divide by 9.

Five per cent.—Multiply by number of days and divide by 72.

Six per cent.—Multiply by number of days; separate right hand figure and divide by 6.

Eight per cent.—Multiply by number of days and divide by 45.

Nine per cent.—Multiply by number of days; separate right hand figure and divide by 4.

Ten per cent.—Multiply by number of days and divide by 36.

Fifteen per cent.—Multiply by number of days and divide by 24.

Eighteen per cent.—Multiply by number of days; separate right hand figure and divide by 2.

Twenty per cent.—Multiply by number of days, or as much so as any one can be said and divide by 18.

Twenty-four per cent.—Multiply by number of days and divide by 15.

CONVENIENT FOR REFERENCE.

When computing interest at four per cent., two places pointed off from the right of the principal gives the interest upon it for ninety days.

At 5 ½ ct.	{ two places pointed }	
At 4	{ off gives interest for }	90 days
At 6		60 days
At 8		45 days
At 9		40 days
At 10		36 days
At 12		30 days
At 18		20 days
At 24		15 days

RIVER AND MARINE ITEMS.

— The Swedish barque Equator, Olsen, arrived at Liverpool from this port on the 17th inst.

— The British barque Eglantine, McCau-ley, arrived at London from this port on the 15th inst.

— The brig Corrie Parrington, Doane, sailed from St. Thomas on the 8th inst. for Navassa, to load guano for this port.

— The steamer Passport departed on her first regular trip to Smithville yesterday afternoon, taking quite a number of passengers.

If you select good and healthy food for your family, you should also look to the welfare of your Baby. For all troubles of early childhood, nothing is better than Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. 25 cents a bottle.

DIED.

McEACHERN.—At "K o'clock, Wednesday morning, 19th inst., of diphtheria, John R. B., son of John S. and Emma McEachern, aged 11 months and 10 days.

The funeral will take place from the (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock, from the residence of the father, corner of Eighth and Castle streets, thence to Bellevue Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

COWAN.—On Sunday of February 16th, MARY HALL, daughter of John and Margaret A. Cowan, aged 7 years and 7 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock, at St. James' Church, thence to Oakdale Cemetery.